



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: RAYBORN, Jerry
Serial No.: 10/090,201
Filed: March 5, 2002
Title: WATER-BASED DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE CONTAINING
TALC AND CARRIER
Examiner: Tucker, Philip Art Unit: 1712
Docket: P-0023-US

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated November 10, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A drilling fluid additive mixture manufactured by a method
comprising of:

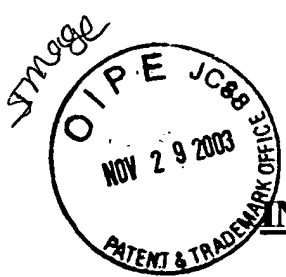
admixing ~~colloidal solids~~ talc with at least one carrier to create a suspended
mixture, ~~said solids having an affinity for oils, esters, glycols and olefins~~, said suspended
mixture allowing the surface of said ~~solids~~ talc to be pre-wet with said carrier ~~prior to~~
adding said mixture to a drilling fluid, said carrier being selected from a group consisting
of oils, glycols, esters, olefins and mixtures thereof, and admixing copolymer beads to
said mixture prior to adding said mixture to a drilling fluid.

2. (cancelled)

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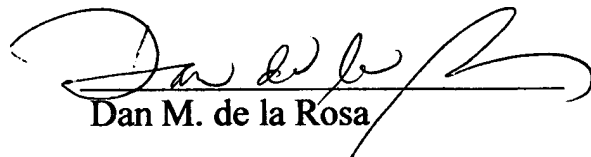
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- (1) Amendment;
- (2) Terminal Disclaimer;
- (3) A check in the amount of \$97.00; and
- (4) A self-addressed stamped postcard, return which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents

Are being deposited with United States Postal Service Express Mail on the date indicated above and is addressed to the "Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450".

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 29, 2003


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